



Malik's Life Journey – What we know

Name: Malik (seen at the Chicken shop and in the park approaching Joe)

Age: 30

Ethnicity: Black British

Language: English

Nationality: British

Gender: Male

Back Story:

Malik grew up in the local area as a child and is well known in the community as a result. Malik's family also have significant ties to the community as his parents ran the local afterschool and holiday club for many years.

During his later adolescent years, he would often help out at the club, and this was where he developed his passion for working with children.

Malik had a diverse group of friends from secondary school however as they got older, some of them went on different paths – addiction, gang association, moved abroad.

Malik attended college and started various courses due to being unsure what career path he wanted to take. He then found employment at the youth community centre and was able to complete his youth worker qualifications at the same time. Malik enjoys supporting the young people within his community.

Based on his experience of his friendship group, Malik has seen how important it is for young people to have key adults in their life who are supportive as they can make the difference to them. Therefore, he now spends most of his time completing outreach work.

Malik has just started his small business which is focussed on providing mentors to young people ensuring they have someone to talk to and have a positive role model. He plans on making connections with other grassroots charities and local authorities to ensure information is appropriately shared so the appropriate support is provided as and when necessary to the young people he works with.